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(Originator's Packets)

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**Wholesale Catalogue**

# SNAPDRAGONS

## Outstanding Selections

### "All Snapdragons Sold in Originator's Packets"

#### SNOWMAN—I

(Ball)

A pure white, with a graceful spike.

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

#### NATIVE DANCER—F

Light pink—shade darker than rosebud

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

#### REBECCA—F

(J. S. Yoders)

New Medium Pink, similar to Christina

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

#### BARBARA—F

Early hybrid bronze.

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#### LIBBY—I

Dark rose pink.

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

#### HERCULES—I

Good light Pink for spring

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

#### WAR ADMIRAL—F

Excellent medium yellow.

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

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Good early white.

**Trade Packet \$3.50**

**F—Fast Varieties**

**I—Intermediate Varieties**

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# SNAPDRAGONS

For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets"

## PINK AND ROSE SHADES

Price Per  
Tr. Pkt.

|                                                                              |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| F—Chevy Chase Pink, pastel pink, darker than Maryland .....                  | \$3.50 |
| F—Christina, light pink hybrid (mixed with white) .....                      | 2.50   |
| F—Crusader, light rose pink, similar to Dorcas Jane .....                    | 3.50   |
| I—Hercules (Ball), Light pink for spring .....                               | 3.50   |
| Kathleen, pastel pink, long spike, well placed florets .....                 | 3.00   |
| I—Libby, hybrid, dark rose pink .....                                        | 3.50   |
| F—Mary Ellen, hybrid, light clear pink, popular .....                        | 2.50   |
| F—Maryland Pink Imp., early light pink .....                                 | 3.50   |
| I—New Times, early bright deep rose .....                                    | 3.00   |
| I—Peggy Schumann, medium deep pink .....                                     | 2.00   |
| F—Pensive, dark rose pink .....                                              | 3.50   |
| Pink Star, dark pink .....                                                   | 3.50   |
| F—Pompey, light rose pink .....                                              | 3.50   |
| I—Rockwood Pink Supreme, a good color and producer .....                     | 2.00   |
| I—Spartan Rose, rose-pink hybrid, flowers with Margaret .....                | 3.00   |
| Star Charter, rose pink .....                                                | 3.50   |
| F—Top Flight, light rose pink .....                                          | 3.00   |
| F—Rockwood Early Hybrid Pink, No. 1 good pastel shade .....                  | 3.50   |
| F—Whirlaway, light pink, slightly deeper than Mary Ellen .....               | 3.50   |
| I—Anne Marie, Clear, medium Pink for late flowering .....                    | 3.50   |
| I—Maryland Flamingo, New 1958, Bright summer Hybrid, shatter resistant ..... | 3.50   |
| F—Potomac Pink, medium light Hybrid full spike, summer variety .....         | 3.50   |
| F—Rebecca, similar in color to Christina, early .....                        | 3.50   |

## YELLOW

|                                                                 |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| I—Day Star, early yellow .....                                  | 3.50 |
| I—Golden Spike, golden-yellow, for late winter and spring ..... | 3.50 |
| I—Gold Mine, deep golden yellow .....                           | 3.00 |
| I—Goldrush, new hybrid yellow, compact spikes .....             | 3.50 |
| F—Patricia, new hybrid yellow, long spikes, early .....         | 3.50 |
| Potomac Yellow, summer variety .....                            | 3.50 |
| I—Rockwood Hybrid Yellow, good quality .....                    | 3.00 |

F—Fast Varieties

Price Per  
Tr. Pkt.

|                                                     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|
| F—Seabiscuit, yellow .....                          | 3.50 |
| F—Schlegel's Early Yellow, new .....                | 2.00 |
| F—War Admiral, early yellow, follows Day Star ..... | 3.50 |

## RED

|                                             |      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|
| I—Maryland Red, early bright Red .....      | 3.50 |
| I—Navajo, all purpose Red Snap .....        | 3.50 |
| F—Priscilla Ann, early hybrid crimson ..... | 3.50 |
| I—Red Wing, beautiful velvety red .....     | 3.00 |

## LAVENDER SHADES

|                                                                  |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| F—Lavender Lady, rosy-lavender, for late winter and spring ..... | 3.50 |
| I—Lavender Rose, excellent color, very late .....                | 2.00 |
| I—Maryland Lavender, clear orchid lavender .....                 | 3.50 |
| I—Windmillers Lilac, early .....                                 | 2.00 |

## BRONZE SHADES

|                                                             |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| F—Afterglow, deep golden bronze .....                       | 1.50 |
| F—Barbara, new hybrid bronze pink throat, bronze lips ..... | 3.50 |
| F—Cavalcade, lively golden bronze .....                     | 3.50 |
| F—Gallant Fox, deep orange bronze .....                     | 3.50 |
| F—Glorious, deep reddish copper .....                       | 1.50 |
| Jubilee, light bronze hybrid .....                          | 3.50 |
| I—Lady Dorothy, copper red .....                            | 3.00 |
| I—Maryland Orange, orange bronze Hybrid .....               | 3.50 |
| I—Sunbriar, bronze .....                                    | 3.50 |

## WHITE

|                                                                   |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| I—Apollo, ivory white similar to Margaret .....                   | 3.50 |
| I—Crystal White, new pure white for late flowering .....          | 3.00 |
| I—Feist's White .....                                             | 2.00 |
| F—Jet Pilot, medium early paper white .....                       | 3.50 |
| Junglewood White, dazzling white, mid winter .....                | 2.00 |
| F—Margaret, ivory white, good producer .....                      | 2.00 |
| F—Maryland White, early paper white .....                         | 3.50 |
| F—Meines Hybrid White, earlier than Margaret .....                | 3.00 |
| F—Rockwood Early White, early and good grower .....               | 2.00 |
| F—Rockwood Hybrid White No. 5, good early white .....             | 3.50 |
| I—Snowdrift, double white late .....                              | 3.00 |
| I—Snowman (Ball's), pure white .....                              | 3.50 |
| I—Snow Hybrid, fringed pure white .....                           | 3.00 |
| I—Spartan White, mid-winter pure white .....                      | 3.00 |
| I—Tommy Armstrong, pure white, long stem and spike (inbred) ..... | 3.00 |
| I—Twenty Grand, medium early ivory white .....                    | 3.50 |

I—Intermediate Varieties

# SNAPDRAGONS

## For Greenhouse Forcing

“All Snapdragons Sold in Originator’s Packets”

### YODER BROTHERS HYBRIDS

\$3.50 Per Packet

#### WHITE

- F—Albion**, paper white hybrid fourteen days later than White Knight.
- F—Jet Pilot**, a medium paper white long spikes; similar to White Wonder in form; much greater vigor.
- F—White Knight**, Imp. paper white. Medium to long compact spikes, well placed florets. Growth is firmer and less grassy than Snowman and flowers earlier.

#### IVORY

- I—Apollo**, larger flowered and more vigorous than Margaret, similar to that variety.
- F—Citation**, earlier than Margaret, Apollo or Twenty Grand. Large ruffled floret. Vigorous and uniform. Compact floret spacing on long spikes.
- I—Twenty Grand**, a medium early winter flowering variety.

#### LAVENDER

- F—Bold Venture**, early, uniform, hard stem. Medium floret size. Color is best described as rich lavender.

#### LIGHT PINK

- I—Nashua**, light Rose Pink Hybrid Highly shatter-proof, compact spike.
- F—Rosebud**, pastel pink with long spikes and giant sized florets. Color holds well thru April. Strong stems.
- F—Top Flight**, earlier than Christina. Nearly identical with that variety in color, floret size and length of spike. Greater vigor and more uniform.
- F—Whirlaway**, medium early; large florets; close spacing; long spike; a little deeper color than Mary Ellen.

#### ROSE PINK

- F—Crusader**, color and season that of Dorcas Jane.
- F—Pompey**, color little deeper than Dorcas Jane. Earlier, more vigor, uniformity of growth and closer floret spacing than Dorcas Jane.

F—Fast Varieties

#### ROSE PINK

- F—Rowena**, light rose pink with medium to long spikes. Flowers ahead of Crusader or Pompey. Bunches well.
- I—Native Dancer**, light rose pink, mid-December thru early May.
- F—Wintergreen**, light rose pink of good quality. Good compact spikes. Complete lack of grassiness.

#### DARK PINK

- F—Pensive**, a little later than Christmas Cheer but stronger. Large florets.
- F—Prestige**, lustrous dark pink. A new color in the Yoder Class.

#### YELLOW

- I—Brokers Tip**, deep yellow with medium florets. Little or no side growth. Flowers after Seabiscuit. Well adapted for late flowering.
- F—Seabiscuit**, uniform, vigorous, excellent floret form; follows War Admiral, Patricia and Day Star. Outstanding winter or spring.
- I—Swaps**, true winter Yellow Hybrid large showy florets.
- F—War Admiral**, just follows Day Star. Closer spacing and somewhat larger florets.

#### BRONZE

- F—Cavalcade**, a lively golden bronze, extremely vigorous, long spikes, outstanding keeper.
- F—Gallant Fox**, deep orange bronze, similar in color to Lady Dorothy; much stronger and vigorous; compact floret placement; a little earlier than Barbara.

#### RED

- F—Commando**, pleasing red, plus earliness. Good novelty.
- F—Man-O-War**, intense color late December.

I—Intermediate Varieties

## EFFICIENCY IN SNAPDRAGON VARIETIES FOR GREATER PROFIT

The final criterion for a good snapdragon variety is its ability to produce profitable crops.

Producing that crop with the lowest possible cost continues to be the problem of major importance.

Seven month crops, 50-54° temperatures, pinching, pruning and suckering add greatly to crop costs.

Cost conscious growers are gradually learning to appreciate the savings in crop time, temperature and labor that direct benching of small seedlings, single stem procedure with closer spacing and lower temperatures provide.

The full potential for lower cost crops bred into **the newer hybrid snaps** has not yet been fully realized. With their improved vigor, increased uniformity, cleaner growth and lower temperature tolerance they offer a real contribution to improved efficiency.

**The classification of snapdragon varieties should be based on their response to a given temperature.**

Many of our so-called winter flowering varieties are outstanding in the spring program. Many of the so-called spring varieties can be flowered in winter if the higher proper temperature and longer timing environments are provided. The summer, high temperature group requires the higher temperatures for maximum performance.

**Given night minimums of 46°** the first, **fast group** tolerates the low temperature and produces high quality to most efficient advantage. The second, **intermediate group** flowers very slowly and frequently uneven. The third, **slow group** often goes blind or becomes extremely vegetative.

**Given night minimums of 50°** the **fast group** flowers rapidly. Under low light conditions spikes are often too short and non-continuous. With the brighter days of early spring, performance is markedly improved. The **intermediate group** requires this minimum for winter flowering and tolerates well somewhat higher temperatures for spring crops. The **slow group** continues to vegetate.

**Given night minimums of 54°** and higher the **fast group** is forced too rapidly with premature flowering on shortened, thin stems. The **intermediate varieties** also mature too rapidly. Short spikes and lowered quality are the result. The **slow group** elongates uniformly and achieves maximum performance with this environment.

The most efficient snapdragon programs utilize the **fast varieties** for flowering during the winter and spring.

Growing the **intermediate varieties** during these periods is more costly in terms of growing time and required temperature.

The **slow group** is best restricted to summer high temperature flowering.

True hybrid vigor in snapdragons must include more than just increased production, through rapid growth and uniformity.

Within each color group the varieties are described and listed in their normal sequence of flowering. Each variety is further classified according to temperature response. This permits easy reference to the suggestions given for sowing and planting for any desired flowering date.

The recommendations are based on bench culture in a 40-45 latitude.

## SNAPDRAGON FLOWERING SCHEDULES

(60 degrees minimum sowing temperature)

(46-48 degrees minimum growing temperature)

| Response Group | Sow   | Plant | Spacing | Flowering         | Response Group | Sow   | Plant | Spacing | Flowering         |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| Fast           | 8/13  | 8/30  | 4 x 5   | Dec. 13 - Jan. 1  | Interm.        | 8/13  | 8/30  | 4 x 5   | Jan. 10 - Jan. 29 |
|                | 8/23  | 9/13  | 4 x 5   | Dec. 27 - Jan. 15 |                | 8/23  | 9/13  | 4 x 5   | Jan. 24 - Feb. 12 |
|                | 8/30  | 9/20  | 4 x 5   | Jan. 10 - Jan. 29 |                | 8/30  | 9/20  | 4 x 5   | Feb. 7 - Feb. 26  |
|                | 9/ 2  | 9/23  | 4 x 5   | Jan. 24 - Feb. 12 |                | 9/ 2  | 9/23  | 4 x 5   | Feb. 21 - Mar. 12 |
|                | 9/ 6  | 9/27  | 4 x 5   | Feb. 7 - Feb. 26  |                | 9/ 6  | 9/27  | 4 x 4   | Mar. 7 - Mar. 19  |
|                | 9/13  | 10/ 4 | 4 x 5   | Feb. 21 - Mar. 12 |                | 9/13  | 10/ 4 | 4 x 4   | Mar. 21 - Apr. 2  |
|                | 9/17  | 10/11 | 4 x 4   | Mar. 7 - Mar. 19  |                | 9/17  | 10/11 | 4 x 4   | Apr. 4 - Apr. 16  |
|                | 9/24  | 10/18 | 4 x 4   | Mar. 21 - Apr. 2  |                | 9/24  | 10/18 | 4 x 4   | Apr. 18 - Apr. 30 |
|                | 10/ 1 | 10/25 | 4 x 4   | Apr. 4 - Apr. 16  |                | 10/ 1 | 10/25 | 4 x 4   | May 2 - May 14    |
|                | 11/ 8 | 12/ 6 | 4 x 4   | Apr. 18 - Apr. 30 |                | 11/ 8 | 12/ 6 | 4 x 4   | May 16 - May 28   |
|                | 12/24 | 1/24  | 4 x 4   | May 2 - May 14    |                | 12/24 | 1/24  | 4 x 4   | May 30 - June 4   |
|                | 1/ 7  | 2/ 7  | 4 x 4   | May 16 - May 28   |                |       |       |         |                   |

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## CINERARIA

**Cremer Improved Prize Strain** (Re-Selected), small foliage, tremendous heads of flowers in bright colors.

Tr. pkt. \$1.75; 1-64 oz. \$2.50; 1-32 oz. \$4.50

**Multiflora Nana Mixture**, small flowers, very dwarf

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-32 oz. \$3.00

**Multiflora Nana**, gold center.

Trade Packet, \$1.25

**Siters Rainbow Strain** (Re-selected)

Trade pkt. \$2.00; 1-64 oz. \$2.75

## DELPHINIUM

**Giant Pacific Hybrids:**

**Blue Bird**, clear medium blue, white bee.

**Cameliard**, pure lavender self, white bee.

**Galahad**, enormous clear white, white bee.

**Guinevere**, light pink, lavender self, white bee.

**King Arthur**, brilliant royal violet, large white bee.

**Summer Skies Series**, clearest light blue, white bee.

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**Finest Mixture**, well balanced mixture of Pacific Giants.

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**Miscellaneous Types:**

**Blackmore & Langdon Hybrids**, good strain.

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**Belladonna Improved** (Cliveden Beauty), turquoise blue.

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**Bellamosum Improved**, large deep blue.

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**Lamartine**, deep bright marine blue, good cut flower habit.

Tr. pkt. 55c; 1/4 oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$5.00

## GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) Annual

**Covent Garden Strain**, pure white.

1 oz. 30c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.50

**London Market Improved**, taller and later than Covent.

1 oz. 25c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

## LARKSPUR

### (Giant Imperial or Base Branching)

**Blue Bell**, clear mid-blue.

**Brilliant Rose (New)**, deep salmon rose, with brilliant carmine.

**Dazzler**, rich scarlet.

**Gloria Improved**, deep salmon rose.

**Lilac King**, rich lilac, full double.

**Miss California**, deep rose on salmon.

**Pink King**, soft shade of salmon rose.

**Sweet Lavender**, lavender color.

**White King**, best white.

**Finest Mixed**, named varieties.

Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 4 oz. \$4.00

1 lb. \$13.00

**(Super Majestic)**, rose pink, bright rose, deep salmon pink, lavender, medium white, large flowered.

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**Regal Strain**, lilac, white, salmon rose.

Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/2 oz. \$1.10; 1 oz. \$2.00

## PANSIES

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Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.75; 1/4 oz. \$7.00

1 oz. \$22.00

**Maple Leaf Giants**, large flowering strain.

Tr. pkt. 65c; 1-8 oz. \$1.65; 1/4 oz. \$3.00

1 oz. \$10.00

**Greenhouse Winter Pansy**, tall long-stemmed, giant flowers.

Tr. pkt. \$1.10; 1-16 oz. \$2.00; 1-8 oz. \$3.50

**Steele's Butterfly Hybrids**—Excellent colors.

1-16 oz. \$2.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.50; 1/4 oz. \$5.60

1 oz. \$17.50

**Jumbo Mixed**—

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1-8 oz. \$3.00

1/4 oz. \$5.10; 1 oz. \$16.50

## STOCK

**NON BRANCHING**

**Butterscotch No. 26**, good color.

**Apricot**, large flowered creamy buff.

**Dark Blue**

**Gardenia**, shimmering white.

**Ball White No. 16**

**Rose Pink**, clear rose pink.

**Ruby**, crimson red.

**Silver Lilac**, lilac lavender.

**Yellow Wonder**, rich creamy yellow.

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|------------------------|-------|
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|------------------------|--------|
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| 2 x 2 x 2 1/2"         | 6.45   |
| 2 x 2 x 3"             | 7.55   |
| 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 3"     | 8.10   |
| 3 x 3 x 3"             | 8.50   |
| 4 x 4 x 3"             | 10.45  |
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|        | Packed   |      |
|        | Per Case |      |
|        | Per 1000 |      |
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|        |         |
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| 2 1/2" | 8.70    |
| 3"     | 9.15    |
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| 5"     | 18.15   |
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